

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

Vogel, *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/645,554

Filed: August 25, 2000

For: **Furnace Carbon Black,
Process for Production and
Use Thereof**

Art Unit: 1754

Examiner: S. Hendrickson

Atty. Dkt.: 21123/271649

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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2002, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement on the claims in the above-captioned application, Applicants hereby elect the inventions of restriction Group I. This includes claims 1 and 5 directed to carbon black and a composition thereof. It is respectfully requested that the claims in the non-elected restriction groups be cancelled without prejudice.

This election is made without traverse.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is required for the filing of the present document. Nevertheless, if one or more extensions of time are required to prevent the application from going abandoned, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned and any fees therefor may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975, under Order No. 21123/271649.

If the Examiner believes that a phone call may help to expedite this matter, he is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (703) 905-2173.

Respectfully submitted,
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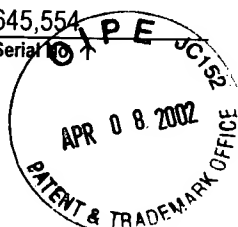
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Appl. Title: FURNACE CARBON BLACK,
PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION AND
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REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: April 8, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

A. ☒ NOT madeB. ☐ WithdrawnC. ☐ made herewithD. ☐ made previously

For B & C

See **Required****Separate Paper**

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Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	2	**minus 20	0	x \$18/\$9 = + \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	1	***minus 3	0	x \$84/\$42 = + \$0	102/202
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(Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos) \$1,960/\$980=					128/228
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9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee				+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0 148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), add				+ \$180	126
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)				+ \$740/370	+ \$0 146/246
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13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)				+ \$740/370	+ \$0 1179/1279
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This CHARGE STATEMENT **does not authorize** charge of the **issue fee** until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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